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Our Observer Says

After attending Circuit Court three days this week, if we could get all the money that will apparently be spent lawing over the rights-of-way for roads in our county, and the money that will have to go to finally pay these rights-of-way and the lawyer fees accruing, we say, if this money wasted could go on our roads at a fair price for work, we could have some roads. All know it is wrong, but it seems that some people cannot be coaxed nor persuaded to let the county build what we need worst of all—Good Roads.

The only solution is our juries which pass on the question of damages. If they could forget their neighbors' selfish interest and look to the county's interest which is every body's interest, it would put a stop to extortion for rights of way now throughout the county.

Farmers Pinched Again

The farmers who have been shipping cream at only a fair price—60 cents per pound for butter fat with freight allowance—have been notified of a decline of four cents and no allowance of freight. This means another serious loss to the producer of all of what we eat and wear. This coming, together with an average of 50 per cent. decline on other farm products at a time when the over inflated products that he has to buy have not yet even shrunk to the high war prices, means a most serious loss to him. He is now operating his farm, in the production of meat and bread, at either a loss of interest on his investment or his labor. These declines mean nothing but insolvency for a very large per cent. of them. Following the bankruptcy of the farmer, the nation must also go down the same way.

A Similarity Imminent

The papers tell us this week of a rich young sport in Simpson county spinning around an abrupt curve near Franklin, hurling his auto over and thrusting his body against mother earth which relieved him of an inflated brain in action.

A similar report is quite imminent from near Clay City, Powell county, if some of our nervous young bloods do not cool off a little and take it slower and safer as they go around the Brush creek curves these slippery mornings.

Six Per Cent. Penalty December 1

The approaching period for the six per cent. penalty for delinquent payment of taxes, has caused a swarm of taxpayers to infest the Sheriff's office at Stanton during Circuit Court week.

Wins Damage Suit

Alfred Rose won his suit against the L. & N. Railroad in Circuit Court at Stanton Tuesday. He was suing for \$125 for the killing of a cow at Argyle July 5.

Returned to Asylum

Bert Frazier, a former inmate of the asylum from this county, was tried in Stanton Tuesday before Judge Shackelford on the charge of lunacy. The jury found Bert to be of unsound mind, and he will return to the asylum. He was released from the asylum at Lexington last March, thought to be about well, or at least so as to not disturb any one. He did very well until lately when he has become a menace to the public quietude.

For some time he has been constructing a shanty boat to reside in. He has also been going about planting crops of potatoes for neighbors, and in this and other ways rendering himself obnoxious to citizens.

Gets Increase in Damage

H. L. Borders, who refused to accept the award of the commissioners for damage to his land for road right-of-way near Argyle, succeeded in getting it increased from \$100.00, the amount allowed him by the commissioners, to \$140.00. The strip taken was needed to widen the road-way, though the travel line was further from his house than in the old road. The amount of land taken was one twentieth of an acre, which at \$150.00 per acre amounted to but \$7.50.

If the county has to pay the same amount for right-of-way all through the county as for this land, the forty thousand voted in bonds will not buy the right-of-way to Stanton alone. Sad prospect for roads, it would seem.

Building New Store House

George (Hack) Kirk is building a new store house in the western portion of town, near the foot of the overpass grade. He will stock it with groceries when completed, and he has it most ready for occupancy. Hack is a very popular man and he is square which, we believe, means a big trade for him when he gets business going.

The Matter Explained

The law requires candidates for U. S. Senator, as many other offices, to file their post election expenses, and Senator Beckham, who not only was an honor to the U. S. Senate, but was the best Governor Kentucky ever had, has filed his. He spent nothing. His defeat is thus easily explained.

Would You Have Thought It?

According to the United States Census of 1920 there are in this country at this time 3,176,000 widows and only 1,471,399 widowers. This indicates that the chances are two to one that a man will pass away before his wife.

Cement For Sale

We have forty sacks of cement for sale at \$1.50 per sack. Clay City Motors Co.

Should the County be Enjoined?

The Times asks the question, "should the county be enjoined?" From what? From proceeding further with the road through its confines. From the testimony given by a number of its citizens in the road cases, being tried in circuit Court at Stanton this week, the building of this road is simply breaking up some of its citizens. It is just one suit after another over right-of-way, gravel etc., and if the people along the road are to have this ugly (?) gravel road forced upon them, and bankrupt so many with accruing damages—if this is really true as many believe (?) then the county should be enjoined.

Important Change in Law

A recent change in the law requires all owners of real estate to pay tax on the land they assess, even though they may sell same later. The old law compelled purchasers of real estate before the first of February to pay this tax. The change is not for the better for it will be perfectly natural for the man who sells land and leaves the county before tax paying time, to not return and pay this claim, so the new purchaser will have it to pay at last in such instances.

Jury In McDonald Case

Fails To Agree

The jury in the case of N. S. McDonald against Powell County failed to agree and was dismissed. McDonald was suing to recover alleged damages for right-of-way for state aid road out from Filson two miles.

It is understood that none of the jury contended to give him more than thirty dollars.

Breaks Limb

Mrs. Nannie McKinney, widow of Tom McKinney, slipped and fell Tuesday of last week at the home of her brother, Wm. Shimmess, on Hardwick's Creek, and broke a leg below the knee. She is doing nicely from last reports, under the care of Dr. Irvin.

115 Hunting License

County Clerk Boone reports the issuance of 115 hunting license to date. When one goes over the fields and sees so many out he naturally wonders how they get by the vigilant Game Warden.

Coal Soon to Come Down

Those who claim to know say coal will soon drop in price since so much less of it is being used by large manufacturers. This is good news one way and bad another.

Many Porkers Slaughtered

While the weather has not been extremely inviting, many hogs have been killed this week.

A sign painter blew in from Mt. Sterling last week and left signs of his being here in many parts.

Mt. Sterling Court

There was a good crowd in town Monday but mercantile business was slow. There were 5,000 head of cattle in the pens, with the quality good—a few extra good ones. Prices were from 50 cents to \$1.00 lower than one month ago, but there was a heavy demand and sales were made as rapidly as scales could handle the cattle. 900 pound steers brought from \$8.50 to \$8.90; smaller steers at \$7.50; heifers from 6 to 7 1/2 cents, latter price for some extra good ones; fat cows at 5 1/2 cents; old cows, fat at 5 cents; cutters, 3 cents; bulls 4 cents; canners, 2 1/2 cents.

The day was a satisfactory one from a stock standpoint, although the prices were lower and everybody seemed pleased. Practically no stock was unsold and several pens were refilled during the day.—Mt. Sterling Gazette.

Personal Paragraphs

N. C. Walters, of Winchester, was here Friday.

N. V. Wireman, of Rosslyn, was here Wednesday on business.

G. W. Bush, of Winchester, was here Wednesday on a business mission.

H. B. Barnes, one of our valued subscribers at Furnace, was down Saturday.

Miss Lucile Paydie is spending Thanksgiving with her parents, near Mt. Sterling.

Mrs. F. P. Newell has returned from a visit to her son, James Newell, at Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Conlee are spending a few days with relatives and friends at Levee.

Mrs. G. Hackworth and little daughter, Dorothy May, of Ravenna, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson.

James West and Brack Cornick, of Big Sandy, W. Va., are visiting their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bush, at Vaughn's Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daniel, of Lexington, spent the week-end with the former's sister, Miss Kate Daniel. Miss Daniel returned with them for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McGuire, little son and daughter, Walter and Ruth Graham, Miss Ruth Eaton and John Eaton motored to Winchester yesterday where they visited relatives.

Mrs. Williams is advertising a line of stoves in this issue. She has a nice assortment of these essentials and the price is surprisingly low. If you are interested in keeping warm don't buy a heater without first seeing her line.

Judge Shackelford was sick last week and had to adjourn court but he is well and back again this week.

Dr. Irvin reports the birth of a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Rex Townsend Tuesday, Nov. 16.

STANTON.

A. T. Stewart was in Lexington Tuesday on business.

Mr. Roy Shackelford was here Sunday calling on friends.

Miss Sylvia Skidmore, Rosslyn, was the guest of Miss Margaret D. Mansfield Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mary Douglas spent the week end with relatives at Mt. Sterling.

Chas. T. Faulkner, of Winchester, was here attending court Wednesday.

Miss Della Norton is very ill at the home of her mother, Mrs. Anna Norton.

Mrs. Ed Dennis and daughter, Miss Gertrude Dennis, were in Mt. Sterling Monday.

Judge Henry R. Prewitt, of Mt. Sterling, was here Tuesday on professional business.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Dehart have returned here after spending several months in Wisconsin.

Mrs. J. W. Williams and daughter, Mrs. Chester Stamper, spent the week-end in Lexington.

Mrs. Pete Chester, Fleming, is here the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Chaney.

Robt. Kincaid is here from Wisconsin to spend the winter, but will return in the Spring.

Mr. Henry Williams, Clark county, visited his father, J. W. Williams, several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Atkinson, Clark county, are visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. John D. Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Crowe, Furnace, were the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Crowe, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Frazier are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter at their home Sunday morning.

Mrs. Eliza Phillips left Monday for Mt. Sterling to visit relatives before returning to her home at Louisville.

Miss Connie Forkner, who is attending Stanton College, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Forkner at Slade.

Mrs. Effie Smith left Monday morning for Moorefield, to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Louis Martin and Mr. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Oldham, Levee, and Mr. and Mrs. Durrett Ewen were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Derickson Saturday and Sunday.

Judge Smith Hays, of Winchester, was here Tuesday representing clients in Circuit Court while Judge Benton has been with us each day.

J. H. Donnewald and A. L. Akers, Winchester, spent two days here last week hunting, and while here were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Durrett Ewen.

At the depot Sunday night Vernon Adams was shot by Ellis Hall. The ball entered his leg below the knee and came out near the foot. Hall is in jail, failing to give bond.